Conflicts in Assam

4874. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the root causes and immediate reasons of present conflict between the Dimasas and Mars of North Cachar Hills district of Assam;

(b) the number of relief camps and people living their till date; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) According to available reports, the immediate course of the ethnic tension between the Dimasas and Mars in N.C. Hills District and adjoining areas of Cachar was the abduction of 3 DHD cadres by the HPC/D and retaliatory action by DHD on the Hmar villages of the area. Over 6250 people of different communities are staying in 17 relief camps set up by the Government of Assam. The State Government has taken steps to strengthen the security in the area and appealed to both the communities not to resort to violence.

Equipments and weapons to policemen

4875. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policemen in many States are not fully equipped to take on law breaking ultras and mafia groups;

(b) if so, whether Government have drawn up any plan to provide effective equipments and weapons to policemen particularly in vulnerable areas under the scheme for modernisation of State police forces; and

(c) if so, the details of work done under the scheme during 2002-03 and proposed to be done in 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) In order to modernise the police forces of the States to effectively tackle the challenges posed by ultras and organised mafia, Central Government has increased the Central allocation to Rs. 1000 crore from the year 2000-01. The Scheme includes provision of modern equipment and weapons etc. for policemen.

(c) During 2002-03, an amount of Rs. 700 crore was released under the Scheme to the States to implement the scheme, the details of which are given in the Statement enclosed (*see below*). The Central annual allocation for 2003-04 is Rs. 650 crore. The annual action, plans for 2003-04 are to be submitted by the States by May-June, 2003.

Statement

Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces - 2002-03-plans approved/ funds released (Rs. in crore)

(Position as on 01.05.2003)

Name of State	Annual allocation	Plan approved including State share 2002-2003	Central funds including POLNET amount 2002-03
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	82.00	162.68	81.82
Arunachal Pradesh	05.20	10.97	5.20
Assam	38.70	78.59	16.70
Bihar	54.00	101.38	11.50
Chhatisgarh	19.00	33.38	16.95
Goa	02.00	8.37	2.00
Gujarat	50.00	108..32	50.00
Haryana	22.10	45.71	22.10
Himachal Pradesh	06.70	12.43	6.20
J&K	28.50	65.39	28.50
Jharkhand	18.00	25.47	13.28
Karnataka	75.00	160.01	75.00
Kerala	31.50	72.00	25.63
Madhya Pradesh	53.00	102.65	52.33
Maharashtra	92.10	51.73	68.94
Manipur	10.50	20.06	0.73
Meghalaya	5.50	10.37	0.55
Mizoram	5.50	15.42	5.50
Nagaland	13.50	20.27	9.95
Orissa	30.50	59.43	16.76

1	2	3	4
Punjab	32.10	64.32	32.10
Rajasthan	61.10	120.82	16.67
Sikkim	03.20	Plan not received	0.09*
Tamil Nadu	68.10	204.15	68.10
Tripura	05.60	27.55	5.60
Uttar Pradesh	123.52	219.81	60.89
Uttaranchal	06.58	4 ·28	6.58
West Bengal	56.50	..	0.33*
TOTAL	1000.00	1950.56	700.00 @

*Amount indicated against Sikkim and West Bengal is only for POLNET Project. @ Includes an amount of Rs. 8.78 crore for POLNET Project

Underworld operations in Gujarat

4876. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Intelligence agencies have detected many incidents which revealed that underworld operations have surfaced in Gujarat in the past couple of months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to bring the culprits to book and stop them spreading to other States?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK). (a) and (b) Available reports suggest that the underworld elements are suspected to be involved in some of the incidents in the recent past in Gujarat primarily to disrupt communal harmony in the State.

(c) The Central Government keeps a close watch on various developments in the internal security scenario of the country and sensitizes the concerned States in this regard. It also shares intelligence with the States from time to time. The Central Para Military Forces are also deployed whenever required by the States. Funds are also provided under various schemes to modernize and strengthen the State Police Forces to combat crime/terrorism more effectively.